REMARKS

The Advisory Action dated 27 April 2004 has been reviewed. Claims 1-6 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 7, 13 and 15 have been previously presented, and claims 8-12, 14 and 16 remain as originally presented. Thus, claims 7-16 are respectfully submitted for reconsideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner's identification that claims 7-16 are allowed is greatly appreciated. Likewise, the Examiner's withdrawal of the objections to claims 1 and 3 is also appreciated.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,554,076 to Clark. These rejections are respectfully submitted to be moot in view of the cancellation, without prejudice or disclaimer, of these claims.

There being no other rejections outstanding in the application, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this Application and the prompt allowance of all pending claims 7-16.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this reply, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution of the application.
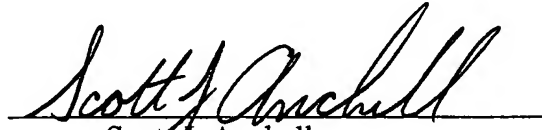
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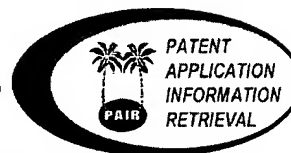Dated: <u>30 April 2004</u>   By: _Scott J. Anchell_

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